

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER REGARDING  
IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ASSEMBLY BILL 2022

RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY RENAME  
A GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE PURSUANT  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2022

WHEREAS, the State of California, by and through Assembly Bill 2022 (Ramos, Chapter 479, Statutes of 2022), has declared that the use of the term "squaw" for geographic features and place names is inappropriate, and has required that the term be removed from all such names in the state; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with AB 2022 and the procedures established by the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN), the County of Fresno has identified the geographic location known as Squaw Valley Road within its jurisdiction as containing the prohibited term; and

WHEREAS, a formal consultation process was initiated with the local tribes to solicit recommendations for a replacement name, in addition to receiving public input from community members; and

WHEREAS, through this consultation and public engagement process, the name Bear Mountain Road was proposed and has been determined to be an appropriate and respectful replacement name that honors and recognizes the tribes, cultures, and indigenous languages specific to this geographic region; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno has submitted the proposed name to the CACGN for review and has received its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno hereby officially renames the geographic location formerly known as Squaw Valley Road to Bear Mountain Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all relevant County departments, including Public Works & Planning, and mapping services, are hereby directed to update all official maps, records, signs, and other materials to reflect the new name, Bear Mountain Road, and to ensure that no materials are replaced with the discontinued name; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names, the United States Board on Geographic Names, and other relevant state and federal agencies to formalize this name change; and

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1 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its  
2 adoption.

3 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of  
4 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025, to-wit:

5 AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco

6 NOES: None

7 ABSENT: None

8 ABSTAINED: None



9 Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the  
10 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

11 ATTEST:

12 Bernice E. Seidel  
13 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
14 County of Fresno, State of California

15 By: Alexandria Vining  
16 Deputy

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